



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, June 11, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met June 11, 2013 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on June 5, 2013 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman Fintel presided with roll call showing the following present: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel. Minutes of the meeting held May 28, 2013 were mailed to the board members. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman, Ivan Fintel stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 28, 2013 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss and Fintel; abstain: Schmidt. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that they were working on culverts East and Northeast of Harvard. Tom would like to hire a couple of part time people for the summer to concentrate solely on culverts and driveways. The board thought that was a good idea. The road department worked in Edgar a couple of days helping with the clean up after the storm. Supervisor Shaw conveyed the appreciation of the Edgar mayor and residents for their help. A bridge east of Harvard is being repaired. Posting load limits on roads was discussed. This can only be done for a 90 day period once a year. Tom told the board they need to decide on which roads they want posted and then they will need to pass a resolution. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

School Creek township board member Mike Nuss discussed a culvert that has been a problem for 2 ½ years. He also asked about installing a stop sign on Road U where visibility is an issue because of a grain bin. This would require a traffic count and study that will take at least 30 days. Tom will look into these concerns.

The road work report was distributed. Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Nuss to approve the Highway Superintendent's road work report for the month of May 2013. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

A resolution authorizing D.A. Davison & Co. to open an account for the purpose of holding the bond money for the asphalt projects and allowing Sharon Lavene and Ivan Fintel to request funds as needed was discussed. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Anderson to adopt Resolution #13-08. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson and Fintel. Motion carried.



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Jessica Hendricks, Community Liaison for Congressman Smith's office updated the board on what is going on in Washington. She reported that the Congressman is involved in the IRS investigations. She also discussed medicare reform and the farm bill. Jessica asked how everyone is coping with the tornadoes. Supervisor Shaw said they have received a lot of help. He reported that the Red Cross did an excellent job.

Wesley Ehlers, Sequoia Consulting Group presented information about his company. They work with 12 other counties and the City of Lincoln. The agreement he presented to the board provides for a lower contingency fee in that the county will keep 60% of every federal dollar recovered. The board told him they will look over the agreement and decide what they want to do.

Barb Barnett, Zoning Administrator presented her budget request which is the same as last year. She also provided first quarter information. Twenty permits for an approximate value of improvements of \$2,413,161.00. Issuing building permits to those replacing buildings due to the recent storms was discussed. When the tornadoes went through the county in 2003, the board waived the permit fees for those that were due to the storm. Consensus of the board is to also waive the fees for building permits if replacement of buildings is due to tornadoes, wind or storm damage.

The letter from NIRMA stated that there will be a 2.44% increase for the 2013-2014 year making the contribution \$107,960.00. The letter also gave alternate property deductible levels for that policy period. The board decided to stay with the same deductible level.

The meeting dates for July will be changed to accommodate protest hearings and deadlines. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to change the July meeting dates to the 9th, 16th and 23rd and add the 17th to view properties as the Board of Equalization. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Fintel. Motion carried.

Joni Skalka, Clerk of the District Court presented her budget request. Everything is the same except she lowered the meal line item.

A letter from Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska was discussed. The effect the Sequester has on the Head Start program was addressed in the letter. The letter expressed an interest in meeting with the board to discuss the most pressing needs in our area and how we can continue to partner together to help address these concerns. The board will ask them to come to a future meeting.

The 2006 Chevy Impala that the Sheriff asked to be declared as surplus property on September 11, 2012 should have been a 2007 Chevy Impala.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt to declare the Sheriff's 2007 Chevy Impala as surplus and approve the sell of the surplus 2007 Chevy Impala to the City of Clay Center for \$2000.00. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel. Motion carried.

The fee reports were circulated for review. Motion by Anderson and seconded by Johnson to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of May



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2013: County Clerk, \$5,448.15, County Court \$11,616.50, Clerk of District Court, \$7,531.73, and County Treasurer receipts #13050001 thru #13050075 in the amount of \$324,659.16. On roll call, yea: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson Shaw and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk/Election Commissioner presented the budget requests for those departments. There was no increase for either budget.

The board discussed the exit audit for the Treasurer's office. The auditor will be notified of the last day Jan is in the office so an exit audit can be performed. Supervisor Nuss had spoken with Randy Tonniges, Tonniges & Associates about extending their contract. Consensus was that the firm does a good job and is good to work with. The three year agreement would cover years 2013, 2014 and 2015 with an increase of \$203.00 making the annual fee \$6,978.00.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Nuss to extend the contract with Tonniges and Associates for audit services for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 in the amount of \$6,978.00 per year. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss and Fintel. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney was not able to meet with the board.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Nuss to adjourn this meeting at 11:55 A.M.; next meeting scheduled for June 18, 2013. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman